

times, and (iii) in the case of stairwells, equipped with firmly attached handrails on at least one side.

(4) Lights are placed at exits and in corridors used by patients and are supported by an emergency power source.

(5) A fire alarm system with local alarm capability and, where applicable, an emergency power source, is functional.

(6) At least two persons are on duty on the premises of the organization whenever a patient is being treated.

(7) No occupancies or activities undesirable or injurious to the health and safety of patients are located in the building.

(b) *Standard: Maintenance of equipment, building, and grounds.* The organization establishes a written preventive-maintenance program to ensure that—

(1) The equipment is operative, and is properly calibrated; and

(2) The interior and exterior of the building are clean and orderly and maintained free of any defects that are a potential hazard to patients, personnel, and the public.

(c) *Standard: Other environmental considerations.* The organization provides a functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for patients, personnel, and the public.

(1) Provision is made for adequate and comfortable lighting levels in all areas; limitation of sounds at comfort levels; a comfortable room temperature; and adequate ventilation through windows, mechanical means, or a combination of both.

(2) Toilet rooms, toilet stalls, and lavatories are accessible and constructed so as to allow use by non-ambulatory and semiambulatory individuals.

(3) Whatever the size of the building, there is an adequate amount of space for the services provided and disabilities treated, including reception area, staff space, examining room, treatment areas, and storage.

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§ 485.725 Condition of participation: Infection control.

The organization that provides outpatient physical therapy services es-

tablishes an infection-control committee of representative professional staff with responsibility for overall infection control. All necessary housekeeping and maintenance services are provided to maintain a sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of infection.

(a) *Standard: Infection-control committee.* The infection-control committee establishes policies and procedures for investigating, controlling, and preventing infections in the organization and monitors staff performance to ensure that the policies and procedures are executed.

(b) All personnel follow written procedures for effective aseptic techniques. The procedures are reviewed annually and revised if necessary to improve them.

(c) *Standard: Housekeeping.* (1) The organization employs sufficient housekeeping personnel and provides all necessary equipment to maintain a safe, clean, and orderly interior. A full-time employee is designated as the one responsible for the housekeeping services and for supervision and training of housekeeping personnel.

(2) An organization that has a contract with an outside resource for housekeeping services may be found to be in compliance with this standard provided the organization or outside resource or both meet the requirements of the standard.

(d) *Standard: Linen.* The organization has available at all times a quantity of linen essential for proper care and comfort of patients. Linens are handled, stored, processed, and transported in such a manner as to prevent the spread of infection.

(e) *Standard: Pest control.* The organization's premises are maintained free from insects and rodents through operation of a pest-control program.

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§ 485.727 Condition of participation: Disaster preparedness.

The organization has a written plan, periodically rehearsed, with procedures

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to be followed in the event of an internal or external disaster and for the care of casualties (patients and personnel) arising from a disaster.

(a) *Standard: Disaster plan.* The organization has a written plan in operation, with procedures to be followed in the event of fire, explosion, or other disaster. The plan is developed and maintained with the assistance of qualified fire, safety, and other appropriate experts, and includes:

- (1) Transfer of casualties and records;
- (2) The location and use of alarm systems and signals;
- (3) Methods of containing fire;
- (4) Notification of appropriate persons; and
- (5) Evacuation routes and procedures.

(b) *Standard: Staff training and drills.* All employees are trained, as part of their employment orientation, in all aspects of preparedness for any disaster. The disaster program includes orientation and ongoing training and drills for all personnel in all procedures so that each employee promptly and correctly carries out his assigned role in case of a disaster.

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§ 485.729 Condition of participation: Program evaluation.

The organization has procedures that provide for a systematic evaluation of its total program to ensure appropriate utilization of services and to determine whether the organization's policies are followed in providing services to patients through employees or under arrangements with others.

(a) *Standard: Clinical-record review.* A sample of active and closed clinical records is reviewed quarterly by the appropriate health professionals to ensure that established policies are followed in providing services.

(b) *Standard: Annual statistical evaluation.* An evaluation is conducted annually of statistical data such as number of different patients treated, number of patient visits, condition on admission and discharge, number of new patients, number of patients by diagnosis(es), sources of referral, number and cost of units of service by treatment given,

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and total staff days or work hours by discipline.

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